

# Education and Training Voucher ( ETV)

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Authorized by “Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001”, the ETV is a voucher for youth who have aged out of the foster care system. The purpose of this voucher is to provide support to these young people as they pursue career and job training. The ETV program is administered by the Child Placement Review Board’s (CPRB) scholarship committee, in partnership with the Division of Family Services (DFS). Applications are accepted throughout the year, but should be submitted to the CPRB by May for the following school year.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Youth 18—21 years of age who were in foster care until age 18 or who were in care, but adopted after their 16th birthday, are eligible. Anyone participating in the ETV program by their 21st birthday remains eligible until 23 years of age. All recipients must demonstrate satisfactory progress to remain eligible for the program. Students may receive both an Ivyane Davis Memorial Scholarship and an ETV. Students complete one application packet to be considered for both programs. You must re-apply each year, but could receive a scholarship for multiple years.

## ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

This ETV can be used by students to cover the costs related to attending an institution of higher education. This would include universities, colleges and trade schools. They can cover **direct costs** (i. e. tuition, books, campus housing) as well as **indirect costs** (i.e. transportation, child care, off-campus housing).

## **APPLYING FOR AN ETV**

Application packets can be obtained directly from the CPRB, the youth's DFS social worker or their Independent Living (IL) case manager. Recipients are encouraged (and sometimes required) to work with an IL case manager who can help the student complete the application form and obtain the necessary documents to complete the application packet.

## **THE SELECTION PROCESS**

The CPRB scholarship committee reviews each application to determine the financial need of the student. Applicants will generally have a personal interview with the committee. Following the interview, the student will receive written notification of the award decision. The amount of the award depends on the student's needs and the number of applicants. The scholarship committee considers both of these factors to make a fair allocation of the available funds. An ETV award can not exceed \$5,000 per year. Checks for direct costs will be mailed directly to the student's institution. Checks for indirect costs will be issued to the student's IL agency to be dispersed by their case manager.

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### **For More Information or to Request an Application Contact:**

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